

## REMARKS

The Office Action of December 28, 2005 indicates that claims 23-25 and 39-41 are allowable, with minor correction with respect to Section 112. The allowable claims 23-25 and 39-41 have been amended to overcome the Section 112 rejection.

In Applicant's after-final response, most claims were cancelled. Claim 15 was rewritten to include all of the limitations of claim 23 and any intervening claim.

Generally, the term "laminate" was replaced with controlled droplet-formed layered structure or the like, to provide proper antecedent basis.

Subsequently, Examiner Dicus telephoned to say that the case is allowable, with the exception of unspecified ambiguous language in claims 21 and 23.

However, upon review, claims 21 and 23 had already been cancelled from the case. A subsequently call to the Examiner to clarify the objections resulted in a message that an Advisory Action had already been mailed out.

As of June 26, 2006, however, no Advisory Action appears on PAIR.

In the absence of a clear statement of the continued objection, despite the numerous amendments already made to bring the case into allowance, the undersigned has made the following additional amendments:

Claims 40 and 41 are now cancelled, solely to simplify the case. Applicant disagrees with the rejections as contrary to case law and the MPEP, as previously noted.

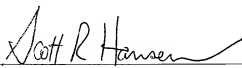
Claims 15, 24 and 39 all recite an order in which the layers are deposited on the substrate. There may be other layers, too, even intervening layers, but a relative order of the layers is now positively recited.

In light of the further amendments and deleted claims, a prompt Notice of Allowance is solicited. Otherwise, Applicant intends to file a Notice of Appeal, as the grounds for rejection of the remaining claims are, at best, contrary to case law and provisions of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

Any further extension of time to respond that is necessary is hereby requested. Any fee that is due may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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